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FOR MOLD TEMPERATURE
CONTROL USING AIR

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<p>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date below.</p> <p><u>Rick L. Abegglen</u> (Printed Name)</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> (Signature)</p> <p><u>August 4, 2005</u> (Date of Deposit)</p>

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 13, 2005, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Species I for examination, with traverse, and requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement for the reasons discussed below. The time for response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 13, 2005 is set to expire August 13, 2005 (one month after July 13, 2005), so this response is believed to be timely without extension.

The restriction requirement in the Office Action mailed July 13, 2005 asserts that the application contains claims directed to three patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- Species I: Claims 1-29, 47-49
- Species II: Claims 30-46
- Species III: Claims 50-55

As noted in M.P.E.P. §803, a proper restriction requirement requires two things: (1) the claimed inventions must be independent or distinct, and (2) *there must be a serious burden on the examiner*. Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn in its entirety on the basis that there is no showing of any serious burden on the Examiner to examine all of the claims 1-55 for which Applicant has paid the required filing fees.

If the restriction requirement is not withdrawn in its entirety, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Species I (Claims 1-29, 47-49) for examination, with traverse.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extension fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2350.

Respectfully submitted,

Date August 4, 2005

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